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TO AMEMBASSY TUNIS
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SUBJECT: RENEWED INTEREST IN DRILLING IN DISPUTED GULF OF
GABES AREA

1. AFN RECEIVED CALL ON MAY 10 FROM WASHINGTON ENERGY
CONSULTING FIRM "ICF" (NAME CONSISTS ONLY OF INITIALS)
PASSING ON REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE FROM A U.S. CLIENT ABOUT
DRILLING ON BEHALF OF LIBYA IN SHELF AREA DISPUTED BETWEEN
LIBYA AND TUNISIA. CALLER (WHOSE NAME WAS COGHLAN)
DECLINED TO SPECIFY NAME OF CLIENT OR PRECISE COORDINATES
OF INTENDED DRILLING.

2. WE GAVE COGHLAN STANDARD COUNSEL AGAINST DRILLING BY
U.S. SHIPS IN DISPUTED WATERS, PLUS BACKGROUND BRIEFING
ON READING AND BATES EMBROGLIO IN 1977. WE ADDED OUR
CURRENT UNDERSTANDING THAT LIBYA AND TUNISIA HAVE AGREED
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ON MORATORIUM ON NEW DRILLING IN DISPUTED WATERS UNTIL
HAGUE COURT HAS RULED ON DISPUTE, FOR WHICH COMPROMIS IS
NOW BEING DRAWN UP.

3. AFTER DISCUSSING MATTER WITH TUNISIAN CHARGE TEKAIA, WE
ADVISED COGHLAN FURTHER THAT TUNISIANS MIGHT NOT OBJECT,
DEPENDING ON SPECIFICS OF PROJECT, BUT THAT DRILLING COULD

LEAD TO SERIOUS POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES UNLESS THERE WERE

CLEAR CONSENT OF ALL PARTIES INVOLVED. COGHLAN PROMISED
TO PROVIDE US MORE INFORMATION IF HIS CLIENT WISHES TO
PURSUE MATTER. VANCE

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